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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office action dated January 2, 2008. The claims of the present application have been twice rejected.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the outstanding office action for one month to and including May 2, 2008 is enclosed.

The fees in the amount of \$630 for the appeal fee and extension of time are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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